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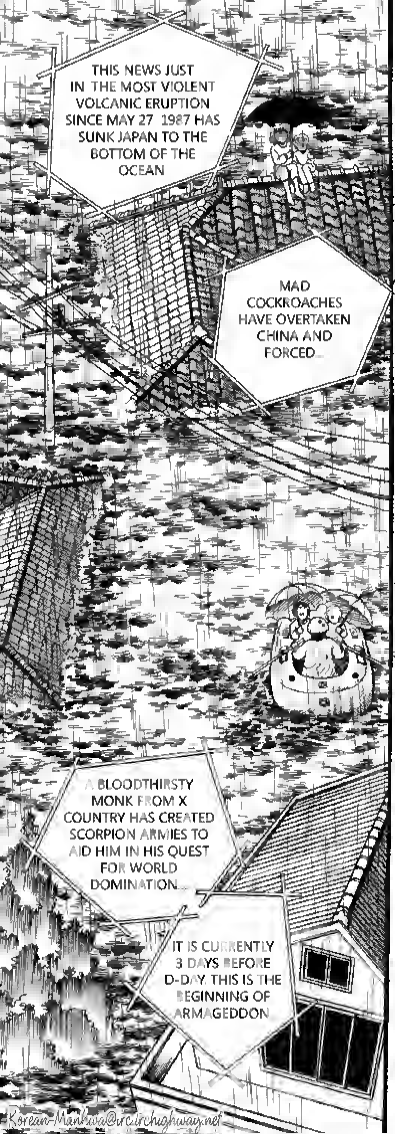
CHAPTER 10
SUMMER'S CORNER
FLASH
RUMBLE

THIS IS A HEAVY RAIN WARNING. MORE THAN 000 INCHES OF RAIN HAVE FALLEN ON THE COUNTRY.
JINAH! THE FIRST FLOOR IS ALREADY FLOODED.
FLOOD CONDITIONS HAVE REACHED LEVEL 2
THE MANUSCRIPT! SAVE THE MANUSCRIPT FIRST! HURRY!
IT'S COMING UP TO THE SECOND FLOOR! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
THE WHOLE WORLD IS EXPERIENCING EMERGENCY WEATHER CONDITIONS SNOWSTORMS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE


THIS NEWS JUST IN THE MOST VIOLENT VOLCANIC ERUPTION SINCE MAY 27 1987 HAS SUNK JAPAN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN
MAD COCKROACHES HAVE OVERTAKEN CHINA AND FORCED...
A BLOODTHIRSTY MONK FROM X COUNTRY HAS CREATED SCORPION ARMIES TO AID HIM IN HIS QUEST FOR WORLD DOMINATION...
IT IS CURRENTLY 3 DAYS BEFORE D-DAY THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF ARMAGEDDON

JINAH, I'M SCARED IT MIGHT BE THE END OF THE WORLD...
CALM DOWN! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF! WE CAN SURVIVE AS A GROUP, BUT IF WE GET SEPARATED, WE'LL DIE
CITIZENS SHOULD PREPARE FOR THE WORST KEEP LISTENING TO THE NEWS UNTIL THE VERY END
THE WORLD IS CURRENTLY LIVING IN FEAR OF A VIOLENT SLAVE MERCHANT EUROPE IS ALREADY IN HIS GRIP
HE WEARS BLACK SUNGLASSES AND CARRIES A WHIP HIS GOAL IS TO SELL MANKIND INTO SLAVERY

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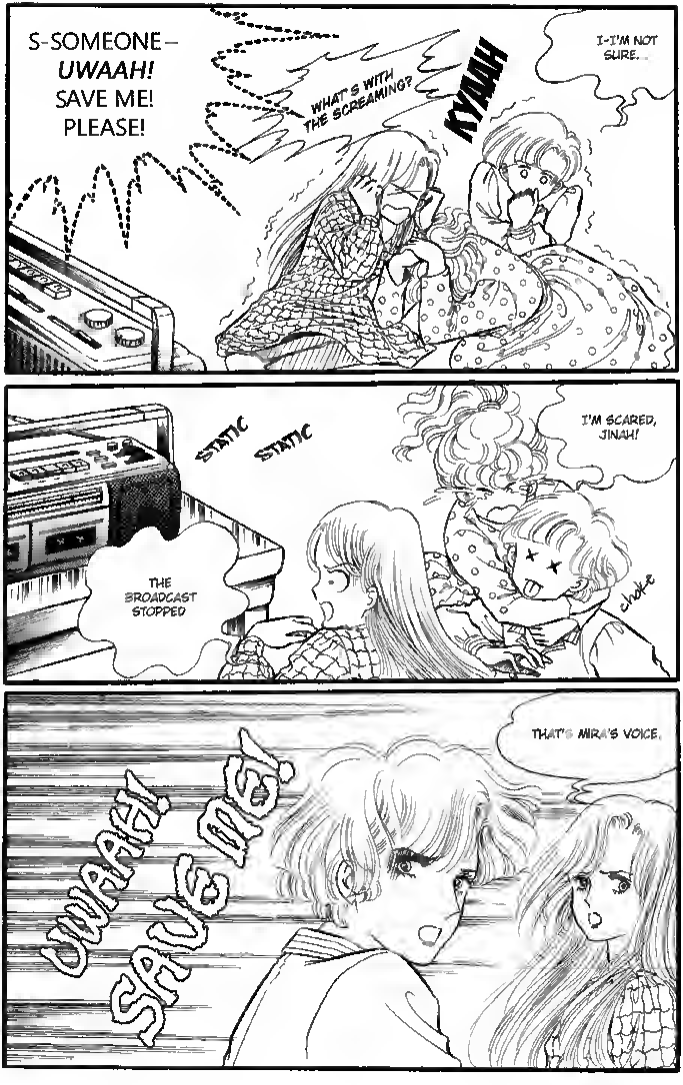

S-SOMEONE—
UWAAH!
SAVE ME!
PLEASE!
WHAT'S WITH THE SCREAMING?
KYAAH!
I-I'M NOT SURE...
STATIC
STATIC
I'M SCARED, JINAH!
THE BROADCAST STOPPED
chuke
UWAAH! SAVE ME!
THAT'S MIRA'S VOICE.

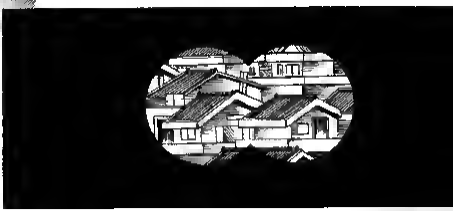
WHAT'S WRONG MIRA?
TH-THE WINDOW
LOOK OVER THERE!
FLASH

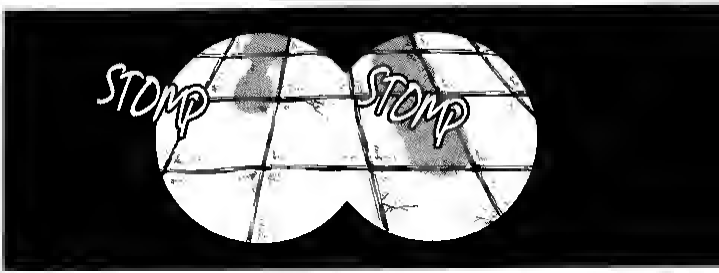
EVERYBODY, RUN!
CALM DOWN. LOCK THE DOOR WITH THE FURNITURE. HURRY!
CRACK
PUSH HARDER, MIRA WE'RE DONE FOR IF IT GETS THROUGH HERE.
WE'RE GETTING PUSHED BACK!
RUN!
CRASH
UWAAH!

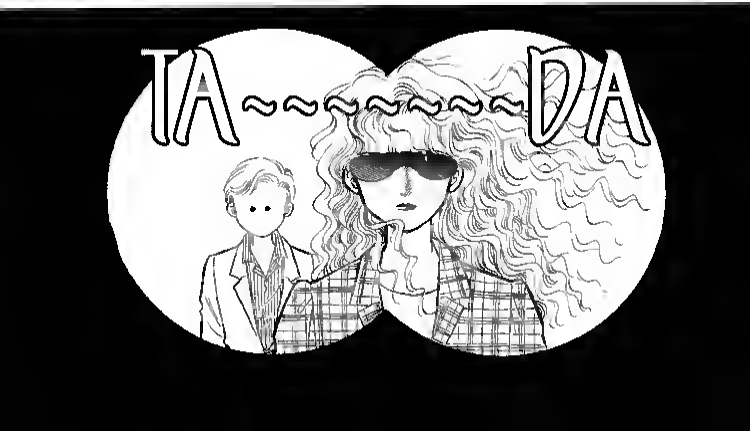
BREAKFAST TIME EVERYBODY!
SAVE ME I HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN MARRIED YET.
I'LL BE A GOOD GIRL IF YOU HAVE TO TAKE SOMEONE TAKE MIRA
I DON'T WANT TO BE SOLD INTO SLAVERY SOB SOB
Are they all having the same nightmare?
SEULBI IS YOUNGER THAN ME TAKE HER INSTEAD SOB SOB SOB

WAS I DREAMING?
I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP...
GET UP! IT'S ALMOST NOON!
WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK LEFT MOM IS GOING TO BE HOME IN 3 DAYS
To those who are lazy
How long are you going to lie down?
When will you rise from your slumber?
Let's sleep a little longer
Let's nod off a little longer
If you decide to lie down a little longer
your destitution will come like a thief
and your exhaustion will come like the robbery.
3 Days Left Until D-day
MUST STAY AWAKE.
IS THE MANUSCRIPT MORE IMPORTANT THAN LIS?
I WISH THIS WERE A MAGIC KNIFE. I COULD DO THE SHADING FOR ONE PAGE AND TEN WOULD GET DONE. IS THERE SOME KIND OF TECHNIQUE LIKE THAT?
WHY ARE MANHWAS SUCH A BIG DEAL?

AND THAT'S HOW IT WENT UNTIL THE FATED DAY.

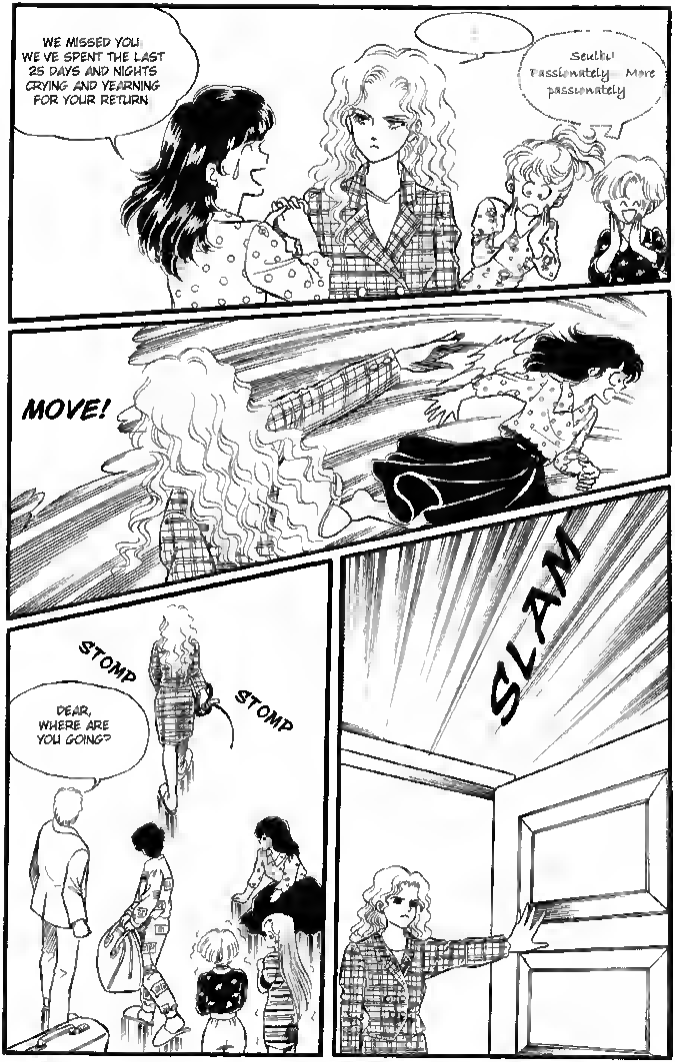






drop
SHE'S FINALLY HERE
wobble
DING DONG
EVERYONE'S READY, RIGHT?
READY... GO!

DAD!
MOM!
HMMM?
HELLO CHILDREN
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
CLAP CLAP CLAP


WE MISSED YOU! WE'VE SPENT THE LAST 25 DAYS AND NIGHTS CRYING AND YEARNING FOR YOUR RETURN
Seulki! Passionately More passionately
MOVE!
SLAM
STOMP
STOMP
DEAR, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

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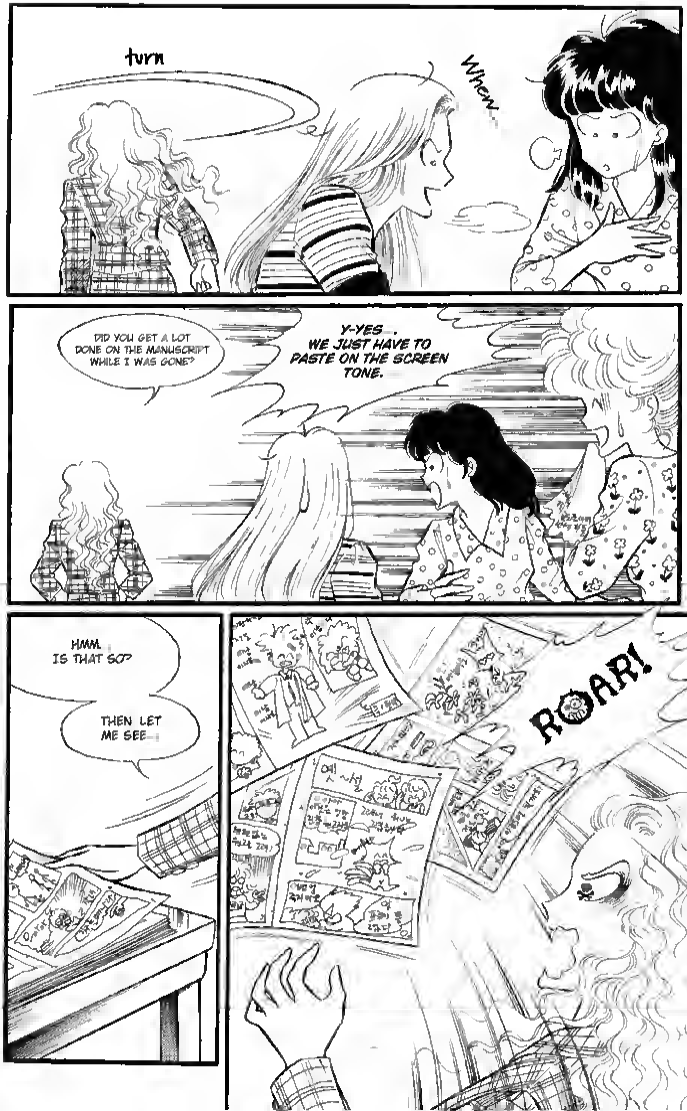
CLOSET
CLICK
RUMBLE


turn
Whew
DID YOU GET A LOT DONE ON THE MANUSCRIPT WHILE I WAS GONE?
Y-YES... WE JUST HAVE TO PASTE ON THE SCREEN TONE.
HMM. IS THAT SO?
THEN LET ME SEE...
ROAR!

YOU CHILDREN... WHY IS THE PEN TOUCH UP LIKE THIS? I TOLD YOU TO BE CAREFUL EVEN WITH THE SMALL THINGS!
AND THE BACKGROUNDS... THE SHADING, TOO! WHY ARE THE DOTS SO THICK?!
UWAAH!
MOM, WE'RE SORRY. PLEASE FORGIVE US.
DEAR, LET'S FORGIVE THEM SINCE TODAY IS OUR HOMECOMING
THEY DEVELOPED BAD HABITS WHILE I WAS GONE. I NEED TO TEACH THEM AGAIN.
AH...
OH, MY! WHAT'S WRONG?
SWAY
AREN'T YOU TIRED, DEAR? I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO FAINT ANY SECOND...
OH, I WAS BEING THOUGHTLESS GO IN AND REST.
YES, MOM. GO IN AND REST. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING!

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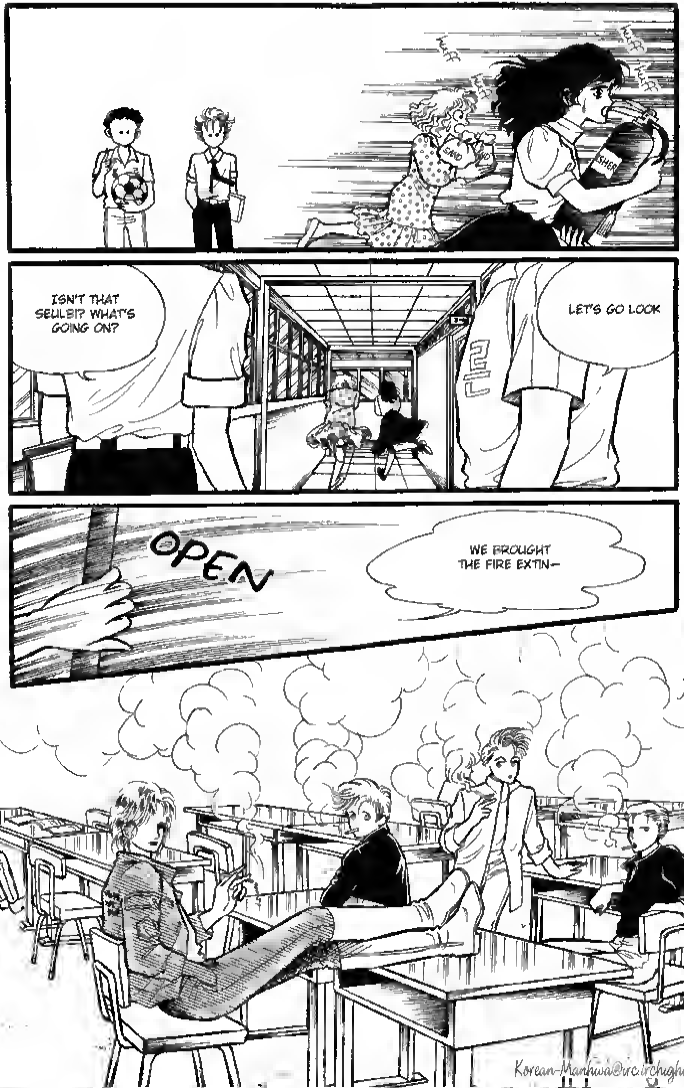
THE HOUSE SEEMED EMPTY WITHOUT MY PARENTS. NOW IT FEELS FULL AGAIN.
WELL, IT ISN'T REALLY A HOME WITHOUT PARENTS. I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE FOR KIDS WHO DON'T HAVE A MOM AND DAD
WANT TO STOP AND GET SOME FOOD? I'M HUNGRY
I CAN'T. I HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO TODAY.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE DONE WITH THE MANUSCRIPT. WHY ARE YOU STILL SO BUSY?
YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO REST FOR A FEW DAYS
UM... IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF THE MANUSCRIPT...
WHAT'S WRONG?
ISN'T THERE SMOKE COMING FROM THE 3RD-YEARS' WINDOW?
Y-YEAH THERE'S A LOT

FIRE! IN THE 3RD-YEARS' CLASSROOM!
SEULBI, WAIT FOR ME!
HA HA. SO THAT'S WHY



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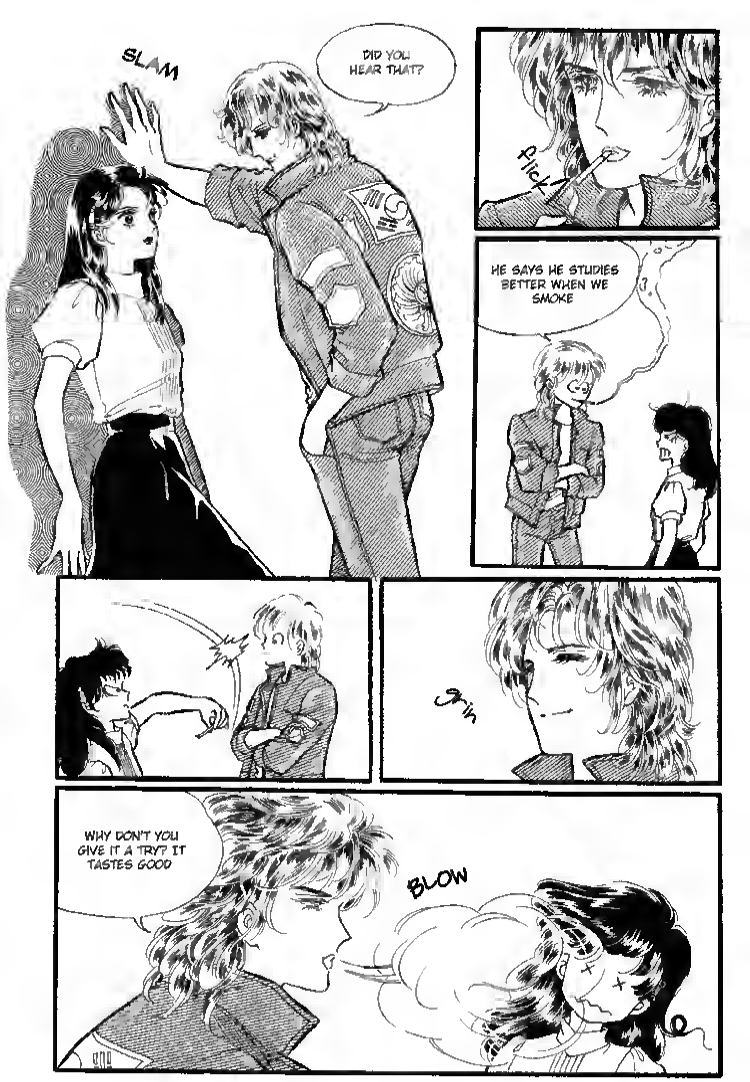
SAND
SAND
Hah!
SHE BROUGHT THE EXTINGUISHER BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT THERE WAS A FIRE.
SFX. grrrr
ISN'T SHE FUNNY?
IT'S LIKE SHE'S NEVER SEEN CIGARETTE SMOKE BEFORE.
Take this!!
S-Swish!
shishhhhh
WAHH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

YOU BRAT! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
cough
cough
EXTIN
sfx SLAM
THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING!
FILLING THE CLASSROOM WITH SMOKE LIKE THAT... DON'T YOU FEEL BAD FOR THE OTHER STUDENTS WHO ARE TRYING TO STUDY?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT?
I DON'T KNOW... WHY DO WE HAVE TO FEEL BAD FOR THEM?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT?
N-NO
pat pat
YEAH, WE'RE FINE. W-WE DON'T MIND.



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OH... ARE YOU INTERFERING BECAUSE YOU'RE THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT?
YOU SAW THAT SHE STARTED IT
YOU GUYS BROKE THE SCHOOL RULES FIRST BY SMOKING AT SCHOOL
EVERY STUDENT, NOT JUST THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT HAS THE DUTY TO STOP PEOPLE FROM BREAKING THE RULES

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SEULBI DID THE RIGHT THING
DID HE FORGET TO TAKE HIS MEDICATION OR SOMETHING? BOSS, HE'S MAKING FUN OF US
HWEIN...
IT'S OK, SEULBI STAY BACK
Hmm... So it's like that eh?
SO WHAT'S NEXT, YOUR MAJESTY? DO YOU WANT TO TAKE ME ON?
JIWON, JUST LEAVE IT WHY DO YOU TRY TO SOLVE EVERYTHING WITH VIOLENCE?

HEY, JUN HYUKJIN SIR. YOU'RE STILL WITH HIM? LOOKIN' GOOD
I HEARD THIS STRANGE RUMOR, THAT THOSE TWO
WHAT KIND OF RUMOR?
DID HE THROW YOU A BONE? SEEING AS HOW YOU'RE FOLLOWING HIM AROUND
YOU KNOW, THAT...
EWW! THAT'S DIRTY.
SHUT UP, OR I'LL MAKE IT SO YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO OPEN YOUR MOUTH AGAIN!
CALM DOWN, HYUKJIN!
YOU WANT ME TO CALM DOWN AFTER HEARING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

GREAT!
I WAS FEELING RESTLESS ANYWAY. COME ON!
SOMEONE SHOULD STOP THEM. SOMETHING REALLY BAD MIGHT HAPPEN.
LIKE I SAID... HE'S A DESPICABLE PERSON.
I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU REGRET THIS.

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SUH JIWON, I SUPPOSE FIGHTING IS LIKE AN IRRESISTIBLE ITCH YOU HAVE TO SCRATCH EVERY DAY?
AND WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOUR HAIR? YOU WANT IT LONG ENOUGH TO WEAR PIGTAILS?
SUNSENGNIM, I'D LIKE TO CUT IT, BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO GO TO THE BARBER
YOU GOT LUCKY, JUN HYUKJIN. WE'LL FINISH THIS SOME OTHER TIME.
PAT
DON'T TOUCH ME!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GLARE AT ME LIKE THAT, MISS PUBLIC DO-GOODER.
brush

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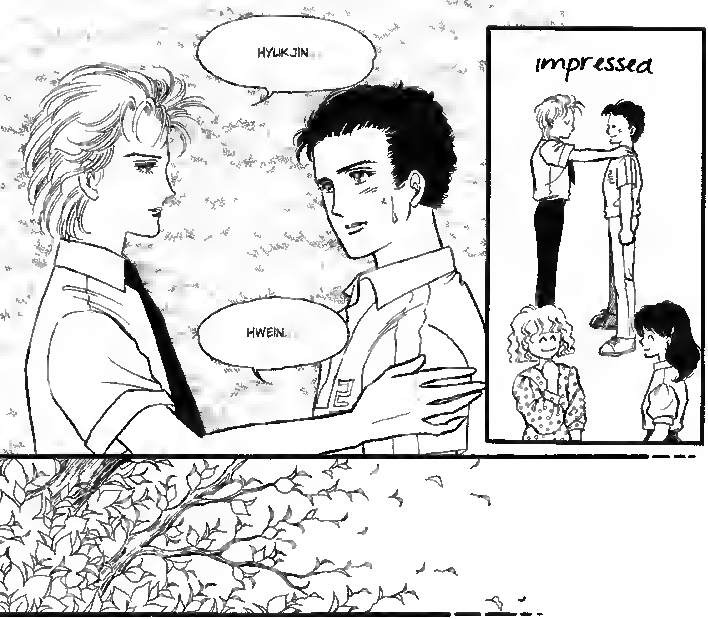
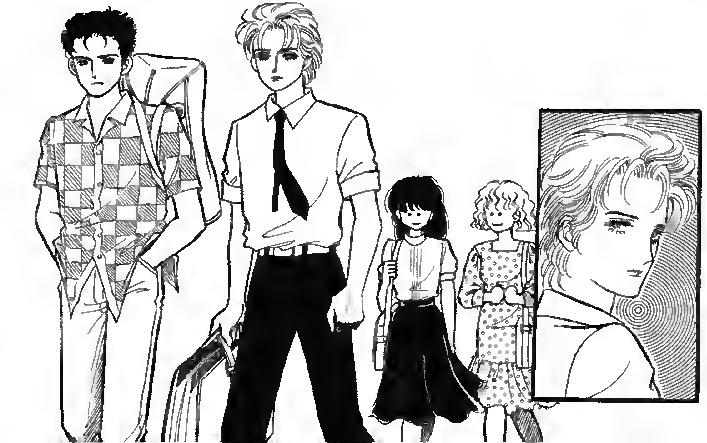
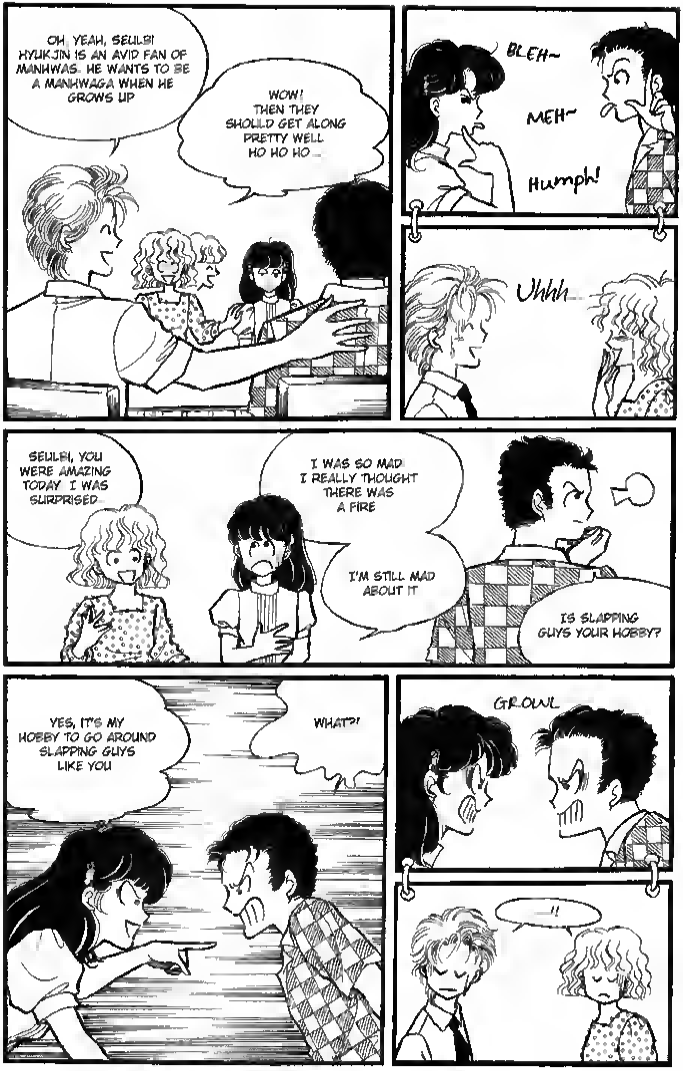
TA-TAK
Hey ! bought you coffee and lent you my umbrella
TA-TAK
TA-TAK
TA-TAK
You ungrateful bastard!
Ah! I feel betrayed.
I'M . NGRY.
HYUKJIN. JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.
I'M ALL RIGHT. BUT TO HAVE TO LISTEN TO THAT KIND OF BULLSHIT FROM THOSE GUYS— I CAN'T FORGIVE THEM

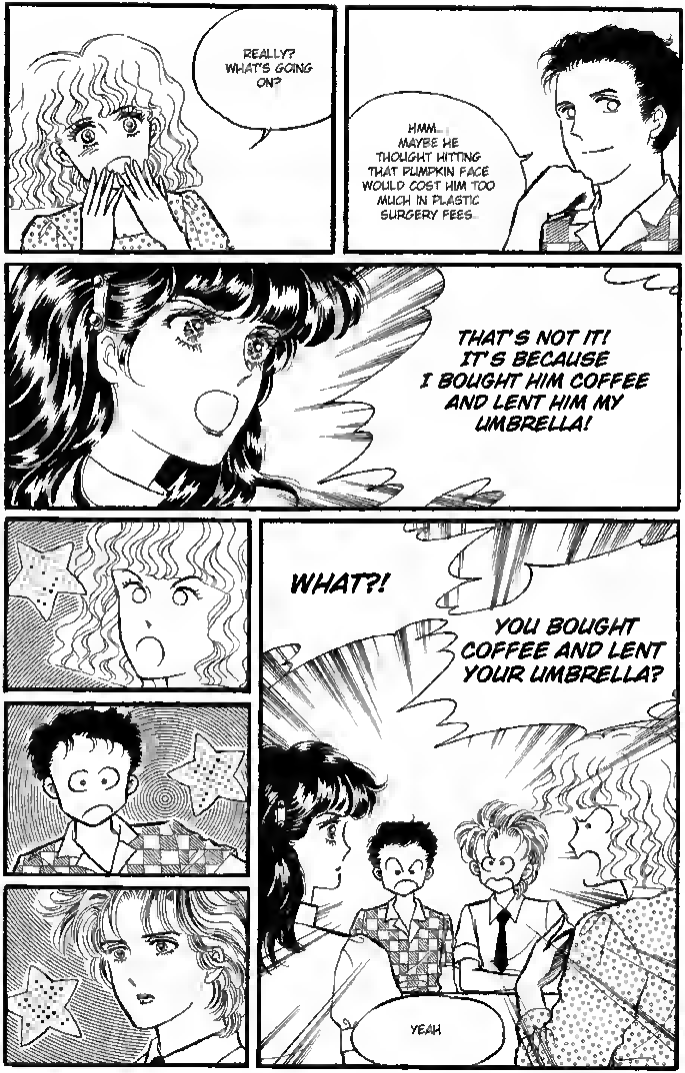

HYUK JIN
HWEIN
impressed



IS IT OK IF I BUY YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK?
THANK YOU, BUT TODAY I—
sfx YEOWW
WHAT'S WRONG?
HO HO HO... SHE'S JUST VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OFFER
SHE NEEDS TO REGAIN THE WEIGHT SHE LOST A LITTLE WHILE AGO
Shock from seeing snake 0.5kg
Running with a fire extinguisher 1 kg
Fighting with Jiwon 1 kg
Feeling of betrayal 0.5kg
Total weight loss 3kg
I HEARD YOU LIVE IN SEULBI'S NEIGHBORHOOD I'M LEE SUNGSIN
I'M CHO HWEIN THIS IS MY FRIEND JUN HYUKJIN
OH, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN INTRODUCED TO HIM EITHER, RIGHT?
Hmph
Hmph
Uh. That's


OH, YEAH, SEULBI! HYUKJIN IS AN AVID FAN OF MANHWAS. HE WANTS TO BE A MANHWAGA WHEN HE GROWS UP
WOW! THEN THEY SHOULD GET ALONG PRETTY WELL HO HO HO...
BLEH~
MEH~
Humph!
Uhhh...
SEULBI, YOU WERE AMAZING TODAY. I WAS SURPRISED...
I WAS SO MAD I REALLY THOUGHT THERE WAS A FIRE
I'M STILL MAD ABOUT IT
IS SLAPPING GUYS YOUR HOBBY?
YES, IT'S MY HOBBY TO GO AROUND SLAPPING GUYS LIKE YOU
WHAT?!
GROWL
!!

YOU'RE SO RECKLESS DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF GUY SUH JIWON IS? YOU THINK HE'LL FORGIVE YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE A GIRL?
IT WAS A MIRACLE THAT HE LET IT SLIDE TODAY
IT WASN'T A MIRACLE HWEIN SAVED HER
NO, IT WASN'T ME
HONESTLY, JIWON'S BEHAVIOR TODAY SURPRISED ME, TOO
CONSIDERING HIS PERSONALITY, HE MUST HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY ANGRY. BUT HE STILL HESITATED TO HIT YOU!
NO WAY—
IT'S TRUE. IF THAT GUY HAD REALLY WANTED TO HIT HER, NOBODY COULD HAVE STOPPED HIM.


REALLY? WHAT'S GOING ON?
HMM... MAYBE HE THOUGHT HITTING THAT PUMPKIN FACE WOULD COST HIM TOO MUCH IN PLASTIC SURGERY FEES.
THAT'S NOT IT! IT'S BECAUSE I BOUGHT HIM COFFEE AND LENT HIM MY UMBRELLA!
WHAT?!
YOU BOUGHT COFFEE AND LENT YOUR UMBRELLA?
YEAH

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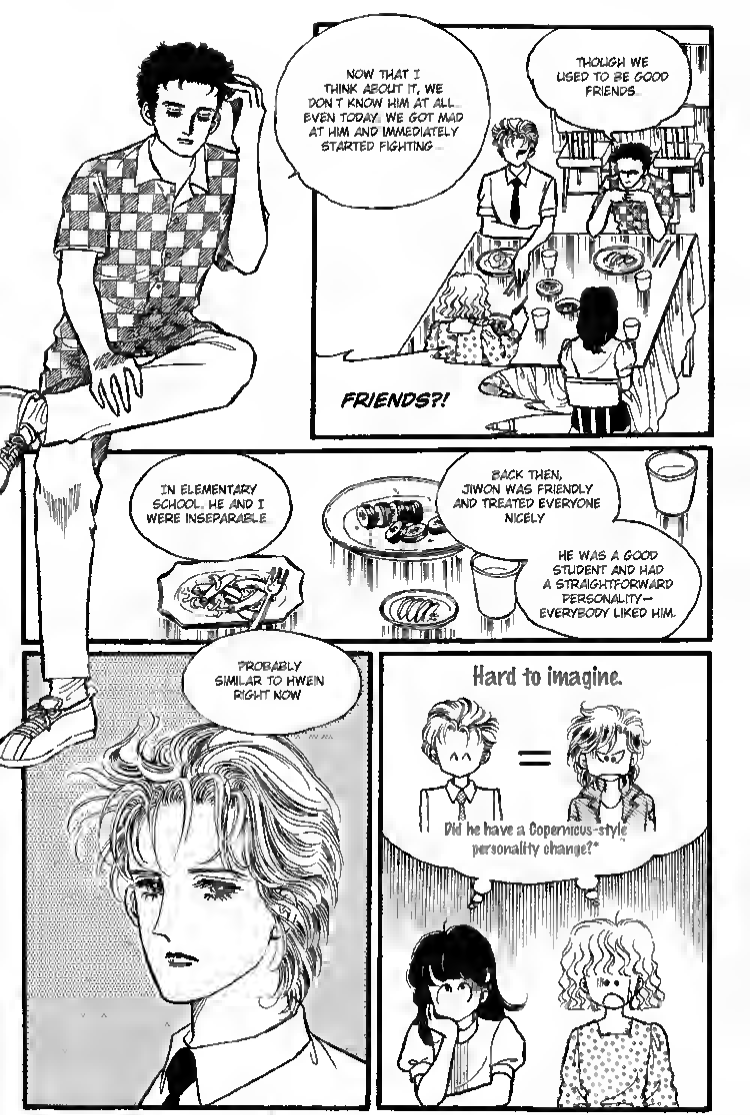
IT WASN'T A BIG DEAL. I FELT SORRY FOR HIM BECAUSE HE WAS CRYING IN THE RAIN
HE WAS CRYING?
I don't know what was going on, but he had a very dark expression
So dark, I couldn't approach him
Too hard to imagine.


NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WE DON'T KNOW HIM AT ALL. EVEN TODAY, WE GOT MAD AT HIM AND IMMEDIATELY STARTED FIGHTING...
THOUGH WE USED TO BE GOOD FRIENDS...
FRIENDS?!
IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HE AND I WERE INSEPARABLE.
BACK THEN, JIWON WAS FRIENDLY AND TREATED EVERYONE NICELY.
HE WAS A GOOD STUDENT AND HAD A STRAIGHTFORWARD PERSONALITY— EVERYBODY LIKED HIM.
PROBABLY SIMILAR TO HWEIN RIGHT NOW.
Hard to imagine.
Did he have a Copernicus-style personality change?*

*Copernicus's heliocentric theory which replaced the previous geocentric theory caused an upheaval in the way people viewed the universe and Earth's place in it

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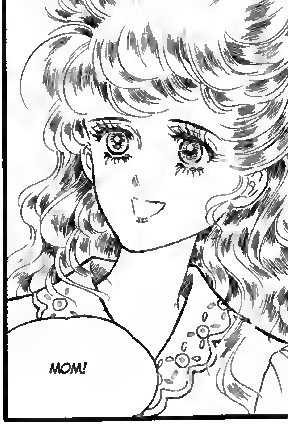
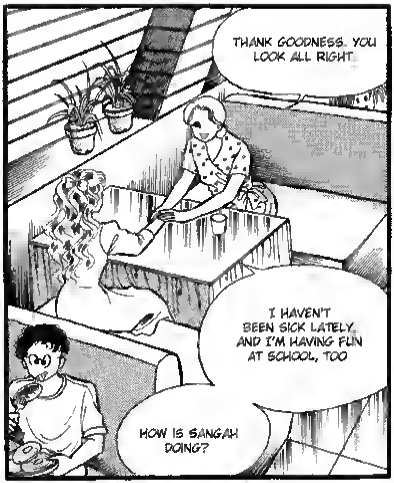
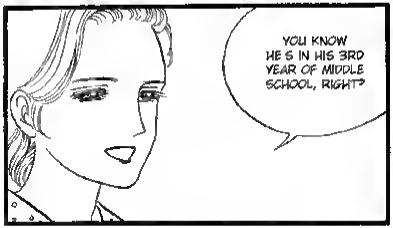
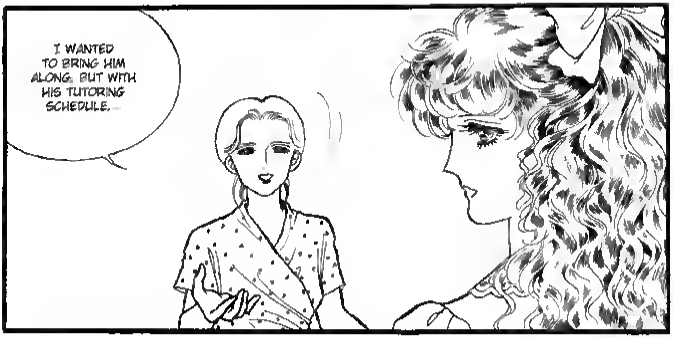






THAT'S WHY HE'S HAVING A HARD TIME.
IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME, TOO.
I HAVE TO MAKE SURE HE EATS RIGHT AND GETS TO HIS TUTORING CLASSES EVERY DAY
WELL, THAT'S THE PLIGHT OF ALL MOTHERS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE TAKING ENTRANCE EXAMS, SO I CAN'T COMPLAIN.



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SORRY...
IT'S OK
SINCE IT'S SATURDAY, WHY DON'T YOU SPEND THE DAY WITH ME?
WHERE ARE YOU STAYING?

I'M STAYING AT MY FRIEND MAOK'S PLACE SINCE SHE HAS LOTS OF ROOM, SHE DIDN'T WANT ME TO STAY IN HOTEL EVEN FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS
COME WITH ME NOW. I'LL GET PERMISSION FROM YOUR DAD
NO NEED TO DO THAT. HE'S PROBABLY NOT COMING HOME TODAY, EITHER
OH, MY... YOU'RE JANGMI?
YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH
ISN'T MY DAUGHTER PRETTY?
OH, MOM.
VERY PRETTY SO PRETTY THAT SHE'D BETTER WATCH OUT, OR SOMEONE MIGHT TRY TO TAKE HER AWAY

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WOW, YOU LOOK LIKE A DOLL!
I WANTED A DAUGHTER LIKE YOU, BUT ALL I HAVE ARE SONS
IF YOU TALK LIKE THAT WHEN YOU HAVE SO MUCH, YOU'LL BE PUNISHED
OH, I DON'T SEE YOUR SON AROUND. IS HE IN HIS ROOM?
HE'S PREPARING FOR HIS ENTRANCE EXAMS, SO HE DOESN'T GET HOME UNTIL MIDNIGHT, EVEN ON SATURDAYS.

ARE YOU SLEEPING?
Knock Knock
NO, I'M NOT
WHAT'S WRONG?
I WANTED TO HAVE SOME TEA WITH YOU IF YOU WERE STILL AWAKE

IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE WE'VE HAD TEA LIKE THIS HASN'T IT?
YEAH. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE WE GOT MARRIED SO IT'S BEEN 20 YEARS?
TIME GOES BY SO FAST. 20 YEARS. I'M IN MY FORTIES NOW
I FEEL LIKE I'VE LOST MY OWN IDENTITY AND LIVE ON ONLY IN MY ROLES AS A WIFE AND MOTHER
BEFORE I TURNED TWENTY, I FELT THE PASSING OF EACH DAY BUT I REACHED THIRTY AND THEN FORTY IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE
IT'S THE SAME NUMBER OF YEARS WHY DO THEY HIT US SO DIFFERENTLY?
I ENVY YOU
IF I HAD BEEN A PROPER MOTHER, JANGMI WOULDN'T HAVE TURNED OUT THIS WAY

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DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART SO MUCH SHE LOOKED HEALTHIER AND BRIGHTER THAN I EXPECTED.
YOU DON'T KNOW THE WHOLE STORY. SHE WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR A YEAR AND WAS CONFINED TO THE HOUSE FOR ANOTHER 6 MONTHS. SHE'S ABLE TO ATTEND A NEARBY SCHOOL NOW. BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN?
JUDGING BY HER APPEARANCE IT LOOKS LIKE NOTHING IS WRONG WITH HER.
THAT CAN'T BE.
TO ME, SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S IN SO MUCH PAIN
Even though she doesn't say anything, I know. She still hasn't overcome her condition.
She probably never will.
I'M FEELING RESTLESS. CAN YOU TURN ON SOME MUSIC FOR ME?
OK. WHAT SONG?
SORVEIGE'S SONG

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When winter is over spring passes by,
After summer is over
Another spring passes by
The time goes by, the time goes by
Ah But you my beloved
Are my sun
I'll give you my all
I... I'M A PERSON WHO ONLY CAUSES TROUBLE FOR OTHER PEOPLE.
I WENT TO SEE HIM IN PRISON YESTERDAY
IN PRISON.
I GATHERED MY COURAGE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 5 YEARS
I WAS GOING TO JUST LEAVE SOME MONEY FOR HIM, BUT...
AS SOON AS I SAW HIM, I REGRETTED STAYING.
WE JUST STARED AT EACH OTHER UNTIL THE TIME WAS UP.
I WONDER... WAS HE SILENT BECAUSE HE WAS THINKING THE SAME THING AS ME?

OR... DOES HE HATE ME?
JANGMI ... MY BELOVED ... THAT CHILD ... ALL BECAUSE OF ME...
I'M THE CAUSE OF EVERYONE'S UNHAPPINESS

ding dong
THAT'S MY SON, PURUMAE. HE MUST HAVE COME BACK FROM THE LIBRARY.
HE STUDIES SO LATE? IT MUST BE HARD ON YOU.
IT'S THE SAME FOR EVERYONE. I HAVE TO BEAR WITH IT.
MOM. I'M HOME. WE HAVE A GUEST?
YES, WHY DON'T YOU SAY HELLO? THIS IS MY FRIEND, JINHEE.
HELLO. NICE TO MEET YOU.

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